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It would appear that apologies are still required in England for any article which does not justify entirely and fully the whole policy of Japan in Manchuria and the Far East generally. Such at least is the impression given by EARL STANHOPE's article in the March number of the *Nineteenth Century and After* on Great Britain and Japan in the Far East. EARL STANHOPE last year made a tour through the Far East. He approached Japan, in his own words, with "his mind filled with the lofty ideals of Bushido, his admiration stimulated by tales of magnificent courage displayed by her troops in the late war"; he left Japan and the Far East with more moderate views as to Japanese character—views which he fears will lead to the accusation that he is "violently anti-Japanese." He admits that his blind admiration having given place to further knowledge, he may have been led to place undue stress on certain shortcomings of the Japanese, but he concedes that if there is to be a perfect understanding between Great Britain and Japan, each must realise not only the other's virtues, but also the other's faults. Those who take a moderate attitude in regard to Japan's policy in the Far East will readily admit this; much more those who take extreme views—a section, it is to be feared, in the majority. Indeed, it is the difficulty of forming moderate views on Japan which seems to be the chief cause of the trouble. The ardent pro-Japanese and the no less ardent anti-Japanese, each serving but to

add to the warmth of the other, have quite drowned the voice of the person of moderate views, who, neither thinking Japan a saint nor a sinner, but merely possessed of an average kind of conscience, cannot be led into enthusiastic adulation on the one hand or tempestuous abuse on the other. In an age of sensations, moderate views, which can never by their nature partake of the sensational, are somewhat at a discount, but still it is necessary that they should be from time to time enunciated. EARL STANHOPE's charges against Japan are numerous, are fairly moderately stated, and mostly turn on the question of the railways of Manchuria. As far as Korea is concerned, he admits that the people of that country are infinitely better governed than they ever were before, and that the Korean may be benefited by being compelled to swallow his dose of paternal government. So far, then, he has no quarrel with Japan. In Manchuria things are very different. The Japanese control the South Manchuria Railway, and by an arrangement with China are entitled to import *via* Dalny duty free all goods required for the use of her officials on the railway. The complaint that Japan is making use of this concession to smuggle goods into Manchuria EARL STANHOPE considers as not unfounded, at any rate as far as cotton goods and tobacco are concerned. Then there is the question of the railway from Mukden to Antung on the Yalu River. The Japanese, who own it, are converting from a mountain railway of thirty-inch gauge to a railway of standard gauge with ordinary gradients. The object, the writer thinks, is to enable Japanese troops in Manchuria to get back into Korea in the event of an advance into that country from the north-west by Russia—"a by no means improbable contingency," adds EARL STANHOPE, "in the [we hope unlikely] event of another war." The explanation of Japan that the reconstruction is to enable it to cope with passengers, mails and freight proceeding from Europe *via* the trans-Siberian Railway to Japan, is dismissed as idle on the ground that the line can never be remunerative enough to pay for the expenses entailed. EARL STANHOPE then details the story of the proposed railways in Manchuria and the opposition of Japan on the ground of interference with the South Manchuria Railway, an opposition in which he thinks Japan has been tacitly supported by the British Government. He particularly objects to the answer made by the British Government when questioned as to the limits within which the Japanese Government was entitled to veto or interfere in any measures the Chinese Government might desire to take for the development of Western Manchuria and Mongolia. The answer made by the British Government was that this was a matter entirely for arrangement between the respective Governments of China and Japan. The distinguished Chinese visitor is at present in Hongkong in the person of Grand Councillor Liang Sze Ye, who has been sent down by the Peking Government to report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

A regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under section 3 of the Live Stock Import and Export Regulation Ordinance states that no vessel shall be permitted to carry more than two hundred head of cattle for export at any one time. The fourth case of plague this season was reported on Saturday. This, like the last, came from Kannedydown, and also proved fatal. Four cases at a period of the year when hundreds have usually been reported is a noteworthy event. At the Magistracy on Saturday Mr. E. R. Halifax fined a native \$100 for being in unlawful possession of quantity of opium. The same magistrates fined the keeper of a gambling den \$250, and eight men who were playing \$5 each. The French cruiser *Montcalm* arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, the customary salute being fired. Rear-Admiral de la Croix de Castries will make an official landing at Blake Pier this morning and will be received with a guard of honour furnished by the Rajputs. A Chinese boy of eleven years met with a sad accident on Friday evening, whereby he lost the sight of his left eye. While walking along Hollywood Road he heard a noise on the third floor of a house, and on looking up was struck on the eye with a piece of glass which fell from a broken window. He was removed to hospital.

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The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, and Mr. G. Hoggarth, Chief Excise Officer, have been appointed to represent the Government and the Opium Farmer, respectively, under regulation 5 of the regulations made by the Governor-in-Council on March 1st, 1910, under section 51 (1) of the Opium Ordinance, 1909. This provides that the premises and books of the Farmer shall at all times during business hours be open to the inspection of a Government Officer and a representative of the Farmer.

The local rubber market, according to the rubber share circular issued by Mr. F. E. Ellis, suffered a severe reaction last week, and all stocks show a vast disparity in prices compared with those ruling at the close of the previous week. The London market closed dull with an inclination to weaken further, while in Singapore buyers are beginning to come forward at low rates.

The bureau of health, says the *Cablenews American*, has recently been cleaning up the City of Manila with a fine tooth comb in search of lepers who had escaped from the provinces to avoid transportation to the Culion Leprosy Republic, and during the 22 days from March 28 to April 16 no less than 19 sufferers from the dread disease, three of them Chinese, have been gathered in and transferred to San Lazaro.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments:—Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson to act as Colonial Secretary, Mr. C. Mc. Messer to act as Colonial Treasurer, Mr. C. Clementi to be his private secretary, Captain G. E. Garnett, R.G.A., to be his A.D.C., and Captain G. G. Wood of the Volunteers to be his honorary A.D.C.

Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the Liquors Ordinance, 1909, state that the importation of dutiable liquor and denatured spirits from China into the northern district of the New Territories is prohibited unless notice in writing has been given to the district officer of such importation and the duty on such liquors has been paid in full; also that the list of places in the Colony for the import of dutiable liquors and denatured spirits specified by the Governor under section 4 of the Ordinance, and published in the *Gazette*, is revoked.

It is interesting to note that the Prince Regent was the first visitor to be entertained in the present Chinese Club in Hongkong.

Colonel Sir J. F. Bart, R.A.M.C., has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board during the absence of Colonel Bedford.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazelton to act as Puisne Judge, and Mr. M. W. Slade to act as Attorney-General, is gazetted.

Benzine, when exceeding one pound in weight, has been declared to be dangerous goods within the meaning of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.

It is reported that the great firm of Krupp of Essen has made the magnificent donation of £25,000 to the German medical school founded by the late Dr. Paulin at Shanghai.

The picnic season has commenced. St. Andrew's Church Sunday School had an excursion to Seaton on Saturday afternoon, and the Wesley Guild had an outing on the same afternoon.

During the absence on leave of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Colonel C. W. E. St. John has been appointed by the Governor a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

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The Colonial Treasurer's financial statement for the month of February shows that the revenue derived during that period was \$622,734.51, and this with a balance on 31st January of \$322,334.59, gives a total of \$945,568.90. Deducting February's expenditure of \$867,177.42, there is a credit balance of \$78,391.48. The statement of assets and liabilities shows assets amounting to \$539,298.56, liabilities totalling \$260,906.88, and the credit balance mentioned. The reimbursement due by railway construction account on 31st January was \$1,171,235.10, which, less a credit balance of \$142,830 on account of February, leaves \$1,028,429.01. This amount, plus the credit balance before mentioned, leaves the balance of assets (General Account) standing at \$1,106,820.49.

We understand that Mrs. W. J. Williams, B. Litt., who takes up her appointment to-day as Head Mistress of the Victoria British School, intends to conduct the school on fresh lines. The lower part will be worked on Kindergarten principles, the upper part on Secondary School lines, and in time, extra subjects, like French and Latin, will be introduced. Mrs. Williams has specialised on the "Principle and Methods of Education," and has over ten years' experience in the teaching of boys and girls from the ages of nine and ten to the ages of nineteen and twenty. Mrs. Williams intends holding shortly at the Victoria School an "At Home," or "Open day at School," for these parents who are sending, or are intending to send, their children to that school, whereby will explain her aims and desire for the school. All parents desirous of sending their children to school, must apply to the Head Mistress, and children cannot be admitted until one month has elapsed after the application.

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The prescribed oaths of office were on Saturday administered by His Honour the Chief Justice, in the presence of the Executive Council, to the Hon. Sir Henry May, who assumed the Administration of the Government on the departure of His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard on vacation leave.

Sir Henry May has administered the Government on three previous occasions, so that he is not a novice in the high position to which he has succeeded. During his previous terms of office he proved that he was possessed of the qualifications and ability necessary for the government of a Crown Colony, and Sir Frederick Lugard could not have left his duties in more capable hands. Sir Henry May previously acted as Governor from November, 1903, to July, 1904; and from December, 1906, to January, 1907; and from April, 1907, to July of the same year.

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RUSSIA AND CHINA.

LONDON, April 29th.

A St. Petersburg message states that the Russian Minister at Peking has been instructed to inform the Chinese Government that unless the question of the navigation of the Sungari is settled by July 1st in conformity with Russia's Treaty rights, Russia will ignore the Chinese regulations. Customs dues will be deposited with the Russo-Chinese Bank until July 1st, and Russia will demand repayment of the dues paid by Russian shipowners.

A SCOTTISH BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, April 30th.

The bye-election in South Edinburgh has resulted in the return of Mr. Lyell, the Liberal candidate, who received 8,694 votes, against 6,367 cast for Mr. Glyn, the Unionist candidate.

[Mr. C. H. Lyell unsuccessfully contested Edinburgh at the General Election a few months ago. He succeeds Mr. Arthur Dewar, K.C., who was appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland in March, 1909. Curiously enough the majority of 2,327 secured by Mr. Lyell is only seven short of the margin of 2,334 which Mr. Dewar had in January last.—ED.]

MR. ROOSEVELT IN HOLLAND.

LONDON, April 29th.

Mr. Roosevelt yesterday had lunch with Queen Wilhelmina and her Consort at the Palace at Hetloo, and afterwards proceeded to Amsterdam, whence he will go to The Hague.

He is treated everywhere as a Royal guest.

LONDON, April 30th.

Mr. Roosevelt was the object of extraordinary popular demonstration at Amsterdam and The Hague.

NEW VETO BILL.

LONDON, May 1st.

A Veto Bill has just been issued in the House of Commons entitled, "The Parliament Bill."

The preamble recites that whereas it is intended to substitute for the House of Lords a second chamber to be constituted on a popular instead of a hereditary basis, but as such substitution cannot immediately be brought into operation, it is expedient to restrict existing powers.

The measure further provides that a Money Bill, if not passed by the House of Lords within a month, shall be presentable to His Majesty with a certificate from the Speaker, and that a purely Money Bill shall become law on the Royal assent and the Speaker's certificate, and shall be unquestionable by any court of law.

The Bill otherwise enacts the recent resolutions passed.

AERIAL COMPETITION.

LONDON, May 1st.

An enthusiastic luncheon has been accorded M. Paulhan, the winner of the "Daily Mail" prize of £10,000 for a flight from London to Manchester.

The "Daily Mail" now offers a further prize of £10,000 for a flight from London to Edinburgh and back.

A MARRIAGE IN THE OPEN AIR.

A marriage was celebrated the other day on a grass slope among the hills on the border between England and Scotland. The bride lived on the Cumberland side of the border, about 50 yards up the hillside from the stream which divides England and Scotland, while the bridegroom is a shepherd belonging to the Tivertonhead district of the neighbouring county of Roxburgh. The English marriage law does not allow a marriage at a private house, but it was desired that the marriage should be at the bride's house.

To meet the difficulty, the services of a Scottish minister were obtained to perform the ceremony, but it was necessary that the wedding should be solemnized on Scottish ground. Accordingly it was decided to have the marriage performed in the open air. The customary young men's race was run after the marriage, and the party then re-crossed the stream and mounted the hill to the bride's house.

SIR HORMUSJEE MODY.

GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL SURPRISE.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard has sprung one or two pleasurable surprises on the Colony, and another surprise was in store for those who attended his farewell reception. Indeed, so zealously had the secret been guarded that none of the guests who attended the reception were aware that the letters patent conferring the honour of knighthood on Sir Hormusjee Mody were to be presented on Friday night.

In the course of the evening Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., sprung the news on those present, and there was soon a large assemblage in the State Room.

There His Excellency announced that he had been commanded by His Majesty the King to deliver to Sir Hormusjee Mody

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

And so we have said au revoir to Sir Frederick Lugard. He has worked hard during the three years he has been in our midst and fully deserves his vacation. No one begrudges him his holiday, for it can truthfully be said that he has practically accomplished the impossible in so far as he has succeeded in pleasing almost everybody in the Colony.

The Governor's departure from the Colony was typical of the man. He went on board H.M.S. *Monmouth* on Friday night and next morning at daybreak he had gone. *Bon voyage!*

The administration of the government could not be left in more capable hands than those of Sir Henry May, who has had some little experience of the office, having acted as Administrator on three previous occasions. In Lady May he has an invaluable helpmate.

Wasn't it singular that the advent of May should have taken place on the thirtieth of April?

Out here one hears nothing of the old custom which still pertains at home of seeking a good complexion by washing the face in the May dew on the first morning of the month, though prolonged dinner or bridge parties on the last night of April might give the opportunity to some in Hongkong. But probably the good folks who dine so late do not need to worry about their complexion.

Hongkong has reason to congratulate itself this year on the extraordinary immunity from plague which it has enjoyed. The reason is doubtless to be found in the remarkably long spell of cool weather which has distinguished the early part of the year and in the absence of the moist, clammy conditions in which the plague germs seem to flourish. Of course, greater enlightenment on the subject of sanitary laws must not be forgotten, and those responsible for this are entitled to their meed of praise.

One of the pleasures of summer is being able to discard headgear at night, and on entertainments last week showed how greatly the privilege was appreciated by the more manly folks.

Bathing will take its place in the daily fixtures from now onwards, and costumes are being discussed by the ladies. Some innovations are threatened this season.

The honour conferred on the founder of the University have been announced with a certain amount of stagecraft. The publication of the knighthood for this friend of education was made in dramatic circumstances at the recent ceremony, and on Friday another surprise was effected when the Governor performed the investiture ceremony at the reception on Friday evening. Whatever the circumstances, there can be no doubt that the honour has been well bestowed.

Hongkong has taken the spy sensation very calmly.

It is pleasant to see British boys taking an interest in the "Scout" movement, and if the boys be well trained and educated there should be little need in future to make so many frantic appeals for volunteers. I wish every success to the Hongkong scouts.

Admirers of Pemang appear to be much disengaged because a real live Yankee who visited its shores could see nothing of beauty about the place. A friend who questioned this visitor must have thought he lacked an aesthetic taste, to fail to see beauty where others saw it. The resident then asked the American if he had seen nothing there that struck him as curious or worthy of note. The Yankee did not delay in answering that question. "Wuah," he said, "I did see one curious thing, and that was d—d curious. I went out to that place called Dhoby Ghant, and there I saw a blooming great naked nigger trying to split a rock with a shirt." The way of putting it is decidedly original, but the practice is common to the East. All dhobis on the China coast endeavour to do the same thing, as the European resident knows to his cost.

Leaders of fashion do not always find the admiration which they seek. For instance, the advent of Merry Widow hats caused men at theatres to say exceptionally unkind things of lovely woman. Now the Chanticleer head adornment has come into vogue, but judging by a droll story which comes from Brighton, the new head-dress is likely to be short-lived. here, a story is told of a lady who created a mild sensation on the Parade by appearing in the newest and most pronounced of Chanticleer hats. On her second appearance a crowd of small boys hovered in the "cliff" crowing lustily, and one infantile wag, with a keen sense of the ludicrous, preceded her, scattering corn in her path. This was too much for the fair votary of fashion, who promptly returned to the normal in headgear.

The bane of orators is the reporter, and the bane of commercial men the shorthand writer. The winged art is looked upon as a boon to mankind, but fifty per cent. of speakers and dictators do not consider it so. In fact, they are generally amazed on reading the stenographer's interpretation of what they have said. Imagine the feelings of the American orator who sought a phrase from dead Latin to impress his hearers. In the course of an address he said, *Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, sed major veritas*. Next morning it appeared in print as, "I may guess Socrates, I may guess Plato," said Major Veritas.

Here is another description of a poet's dream, a poet who composed verse so rapidly that a shorthand writer was indispensable. The poem dictated, and the stenographer's version, are taken from the *Postal Record*:

TO PHYLLIS.

(As He Dictated It)

Phyllis, up in the morning,
Spirit of love and spring;
Phyllis, like as the willow,
Voices like the birds that sing;
Phyllis, full of the sunshine,
Sparkling like drops of dew;
Phyllis, Phyllis, O Phyllis!
This is a song for you.

Phyllis, why do you linger?
Why do your feet remain?
Phyllis, we wait your coming,
Over the bloom-decked plain.

Phyllis—brimming beaker,
Now your health we quaff,
Setting our hearts all leaping
Lighter than wind-blown chaff.

DO FILL US.

(As His Stenographer Took It)

Fill us up in the morning,
Spirits of loving spring.
Fill us tight as a pillow—
Boys like the birds that sing.
Fill us full of moonshine,
Sparkling like drops of dew—

Fill us full, fill us!

This is not strong for you.

Fill us! Why do you linger?

Why are your feet in pain?

Fill us! We wait your coming,
Over the gloom-necked plain.

Fill us a brimming beaker,

Now your health quaff!

Sending our hearts leaping
Light as a ring-borne chaff.

RODERICK RANDON

CONCERT IN THE CITY HALL.

If one may judge of the excellence of a concert by the appreciation of an audience, then Saturday night's concert, held by the Y.M.C.A. enthusiasts on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. library was a distinct success, for the audience seemed inclined to encore each item. The two outstanding features of the concert, as far as excellence of production is concerned, were the two violin solos of Professor Gonzales, and the sword and club displays of Bomberier F. Burgess. Professor Gonzales played his first concerto in a masterly style, and after playing solos and so parting a work it was inconsiderate on the part of the audience to expect an encore. The sword display of Bomberier Burgess was absolutely marvellous in its muscular mobility, and those who know most about such methods of physical culture would appreciate most his skill, dexterity and accuracy. Taking the remainder of the programme as it occurred, one could not help feeling that the String Quartette, composed of Messrs. Barlow, Claxton, Tuxford, and Archibald, were not given a fair hearing. It is very unkind to ask instrumentalists to begin the two parts of a programme, as most people seem to consider that they can talk quite half-way through an instrumental piece as though it were of no account, when, in fact, it requires equally as much talent and greater practice than a vocal performance, and should be given the compliment of as equally strict attention. These four gentlemen played with studied restraint and great refinement, both in Hadyn's Minuet and in Mozart's Rondo, and had they been announced, or had their pieces come between songs, they would probably have received encores. The duet "Watchman, what of the night," by Messrs. C. B. Ayris and R. E. White, was excellent. Mr. White's hope-inspiring voice was very fine in the answering portions of the duet. They gave an encore, "The moon hath raised her silvery lamp above," and sang it well, but Mr. Ayris' voice was not quite high enough in tone and sufficiently bell-like in timbre for the tenor part of this duet. His voice was heard to much greater advantage in his own two songs, "Star and Rose" and "All Saint's Day"—"A Day in May" would have been a better title for the latter song. These he sang exceptionally well, but alas! they were marred in the softer parts by the rumble of cars and rickshaws outside. Mrs. Goldsmith's songs did not bring out the rich full tones and sustaining power of her voice so well as other songs she has sung, and she, too, was unfortunate in having the quiet parts of her songs overwhelmed by the noise outside. Surely, if the Government cannot afford to pave the whole of the main streets with wood, they can do so around the block of buildings connected with the City Hall. It must be very trying to singers and players to have to perform amid such disturbing elements, and it is certainly exasperating to an audience to miss the fine effects through these distracting noises. The audience was grieved to hear from Captain Baker that Mrs. Badsey was suffering from a bad cold and could not give her promised song, "Who'll buy my Lavender?" Mr. Hannibal's song, "He was a married man, though only of low comedian type as far as wit was concerned, was well received. His presentation of three modes of reciting "The Absent-Minded Student" was a much higher artistic production, showing that time and thought had been given to a study of the characters portrayed. Miss Clark's recitation of "Two loves and a life" was excellently rendered, her gestures being most graceful and natural. It was a pity that her voice was not more resonant, so as to fill the hall better and grip the audience more. Mrs. Clark's song and encore were most vivaciously rendered, but it was unfortunate that she had not chosen songs which would bring out the fullness of her voice—indicated in many parts but without opportunity of development—as well as provide scope for her power of interpreting the spirit of her songs. This notice should not be closed without some mention being made of the excellent way in which Mr. White accompanied during the first half of the programme. Apparently he must have had another engagement for the latter half of the evening, as he did not appear on the platform again after the interval. No praise can be too high for the way in which this gentleman, sub-ordinately in playing to the singing of the vocalists, always supporting but never overwhelming. He reminds us forcibly of Hubert Lunn, the accompanist of singers like Madame Albari, Madame Clara Butt, Ben Davis, Lloyd Chaides, Madame Irene, and Andrew Black, and we can but wish him equal success.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, at noon on Saturday. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar presided, and there were also present: Sir Hormujee Mody and Mr. G. H. Medhurst (directors), Mr. W. H. Wickham (general manager), Dr. J. W. Noble and Messrs. A. H. M. da Silva, L. E. Ozorio, R. E. Roberts, O. Baptista, J. McCubbin, E. W. Terry, C. G. Mackie, P. C. Potts, G. R. Sayers, F. Graham, J. D. Auld and Lewing Yan Po.

The General Manager read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen. The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. Your directors have pleasure in submitting these accounts, showing, as they do, the results of the most successful year's working during the Company's existence. The balance at credit of Working Account amounts to \$169,595.48, as compared with \$152,381.49, the balance resulting from the previous year's working. This increase can only be considered satisfactory to all concerned. It has been obtained both by increased economy, due to the satisfactory working of the Diesel plant installed in 1908, and, what is more satisfactory, by an increased output of electricity, notwithstanding the falling-off in many of our consumers' accounts, due to the introduction of the more efficient Metallic Filament Lamp. The fall of revenue, due to wider extended use of the more efficient lamp, is likely to continue, especially as the price of these lamps has been reduced, but we hope that as in the past the net result will be that our output will continue to be increased by fresh consumers attracted by the efficiency and economy of electric lighting. The sum standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$174,790.96. After deducting Directors' Fees (\$3,000) the sum of \$171,790.96 remains available for appropriation, which your directors propose to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of 12 per cent, say, \$120 per share, or 60,000 shares, \$72,000.00; to write a bonus of 1 per cent, say, 10 cents per share on 60,000 shares, \$4,000.00; to write off Plant Account for depreciation, \$72,065.65; to write off Property account for depreciation, \$5,000.00; to write off Furniture Account for depreciation, \$477.00; to pay a bonus to the staff, \$4,450.00; and carry forward to next account, \$11,792.65, making a total of \$171,790.96. This proposal, I trust, will receive your sanction and approval, following, as it does, the past policy of your Board, in writing off for depreciation of plant and property at least an equal amount to that paid in dividends. To the adoption of this policy, the present position of the Company may largely be attributed. The very success of the Diesel plant renders it most necessary to clear off from our books the value of the steam plant, which was previously in use, but is now practically only stand-by in case of an unforeseen breakdown of the Diesel engines. Two of the older steam sets that were no longer of service to us have been disposed of at modest prices, such as indicate the necessity for a continuation of a vigorous policy of writing down our assets. The station buildings have, to a certain extent, been further remodelled during the year and a third Diesel set is now in process of erection on the site formerly occupied by the steam sets before mentioned. The cost of this Diesel set has yet to be debited to our Capital Account, but we trust that the further economies resulting from its working will fully justify the somewhat large outlay we shall shortly have to make. During the year an amount of about \$45,000.00 has been spent in extending our system of underground mains throughout the Chinese part of the city and a portion of the central district. This expenditure has been incurred in displacing large portions of our old overhead system, and, whilst it can hardly be expected to bring in immediately any large increase in revenue, we trust that by the provision of a more efficient and certain service, it will be the means of attracting further consumers in these districts. The extension of our underground distribution to the West Point District in 1909 has resulted in the addition of a number of new consumers amongst the Chinese and already may be said to have justified the outlay on that extension. Gentlemen, the directors, when proposing the increase in dividend to shareholders, have also considered that the interests of the Company would best be served by making a concession to those who have been supporting this Company. I mean, our consumers. I have therefore pleasure to announce that every consumer, whose monthly account exceeds \$25.00, will, in future, receive a substantial rebate, particulars as to which will be posted to each consumer with his April Account. We trust that the immediate loss of revenue, which will undoubtedly result from this scale of rebates, will be more than made up by the extension of our service to fresh consumers. I am very sorry to have to inform you that we are, losing the services of our manager, Mr. Wickham, who is retiring from the East. He has been with the Company since its formation, over 21 years ago, and on his retirement we lose the services of a very capable and conscientious servant. The sound position in which the Company is to-day is in a very great measure due to his able management. You will, however, be pleased to hear that our directors have come to an arrangement with Mr. Wickham to act as the Company's Consulting Engineer and London representative for the placing of orders for machinery, cables, etc., which may be sent home, and I feel certain that this will prove of benefit to the Company in every way. Mr. Graham, who acted as manager during Mr. Wickham's absence on holiday, has been appointed manager. Before formally moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to put.

No questions were asked, and the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as submitted.

Dr. NOBLE seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. AULD moved the confirmation of the appointment of Sir Hormujee Mody and Mr. G. H. Medhurst to the directorate.

Mr. LEUNG YAN PO seconded, and the motion was carried.

Sir Hormujee Mody and the Hon. Mr. W. J. Grosson were re-elected directors, on the motion of Mr. SAYER, seconded by Mr. ROBERTS.

It was proposed by Mr. MACKIE, seconded by Mr. OZORIO, and agreed, that Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and J. Cox Edwards should be re-appointed auditors.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready and can be had on application at the office on Monday morning.

FAREWELL DINNER.

ME. W. M. ANDERSON ENTERTAINED.

The leading bankers and merchants of the Chinese community on Saturday evening entertained Mr. W. N. Anderson, the manager of the International Banking Corporation in Hongkong, to a complimentary dinner at the Chinese Club. The company numbered 74 and included several members of the European banking community and other guests. Mr. Lau Cha Pak, the president of the Club, occupied the chair, and seated beside him was the guest of the evening, on his left being Mr. N. S. Marshall, the new manager of the International Bank in Hongkong. Others present were: Messrs. H. K. Kirby, A. C. Shorey, F. M. D. Courtney, G. A. Moir, W. North, J. Forrester, C. Stewart, while among the Chinese merchants and bankers were: Messrs. Ng Li Bing, Ho U Ming, Wong Kam Fuk, C. H. Lee, Cheung Man Hing, Fung Taag, Mai Kai Kai, Chu Foo Lan, Ching Yung Fong, Li Tze Chiu, Wing Seng Loong, Kwong Fook Tung, Wo Seng, Ho Ngok Lan, Luk Lai Cho, Yu Bing Loeng, Chow Kam Wing, Sze Yui Man, Leung Hoak Lan, To Fat Sun, Lai Sun Hing, Iu Ku Un, Yuan Fung Yuen and Yu Si Yuen.

The company having done ample justice to the choice Chinese fare provided, the Chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loudly acknowledged, a compliment which was repeated when Mr. Moir submitted the toast of "The Emperor of China."

The CHAIRMAN, in asking the company to drink to the health of the guest of the evening, spoke of the good opinions which he had frequently heard expressed of the International Bank and its affable manager, Mr. Anderson, and proposed to read the English translation of the address on an embroidered scroll which his Chinese friends wished to present to Mr. Anderson.

The address was in the following terms:

Mr. Anderson, a native of Scotland, was highly ambitious, accomplished and talented when he was a lad. As he advanced in age, he came to India in the East, gaining much new knowledge by studying fully the habits and customs of the inhabitants of the place. After a long sojourn there, up to the year 1904, he took voyage further East and accepted the post of chief accountant in the Guaranty and Trust Company of Hongkong, where he showed extraordinary abilities. Shortly thereafter, he took up an appointment in the International Bank and was made manager of the various branch offices in South China and the Straits Settlements. This latter office he filled with equal tact, so that in the year 1903 he was promoted to the appointment which he has just relinquished in Hongkong. Here, too, thin's in his care were in perfect order. In the transaction of business he was conspicuous in his personal sense, no less than in his ability. In short, being just, considerate and vastly experienced, he was as clever as he was successful in organizing any management entrusted to him. Now, on the eve of his departure to take up an office in the Far Eastern Bank at Bombay, we, Chinese Merchants, take this opportunity to congratulate the said Bank on securing the services of such a capable man, and at the same time to express our regret at the loss of a worthy friend from our midst. As a token of esteem and regard, we respectfully give him a farewell dinner and express our wishes and sentiments as follows:—In Mr. Anderson

We find a man genuine and true;
He is amiable in the treatment of others;
Always fair in business dealings;
His wishes lie in the promotion of national wealth.

Now, as he is going afar,
His mind must be busily occupied.

May his journey be made under a lucky star

is my fervent prayer.

Though insignificant and poor be the repast,
We unite in bidding him farewell.

Mr. ANDERSON made an appropriate reply.

He ascribed whatever success which had attended his efforts here to the members of the Chinese staff of the Bank, and expressed his great appreciation of the business men of Hongkong, whom there were none better. In conclusion he proposed the toast of the "Chinese community," and paid a high compliment to their business acumen and sense of fairness and gratitude.

Mr. HO U MING, in responding, spoke of the consideration always shown by the International Bank, and wished Mr. Anderson every success in his new sphere.

Other toasts were "Other Guests," proposed by Mr. C. H. Lee and responded by Mr. HO U MING; "The Press," proposed by Mr. HO U MING; "Our Hosts," proposed by Mr. MOIR; "Our Guests," proposed by the Chairman; "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. A. EAMES.

Miss WILKINSON then presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and was afterwards presented by Dr. ATKINSON with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the committee. Her services were further acknowledged by three hearty cheers and the usual "tiger."

The prize-winners were:—Championship, C.

A. Carr; runner-up, H. Hancock; singles "A"

handicap, Captain Murray; runner-up, Captain Brierley; singles "B" handicap, A. C. Shorey

runner-up, Lieut. Davidson; doubles "A"

handicap, R. B. Bostock and C. T. Rose; runner-up, S. E. Green and A. O. Brown; doubles "B"

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1910. [567]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1910. [568]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1910. [569]

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NOTICE.

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J. S. DOBIE,

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1910. [590]

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E. A. HEWETT,

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1910. [1]



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A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1910. [558]

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES WHITTALL,

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1910. [559]

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L. G. WATKINS, Lt.-Col. R.A.,

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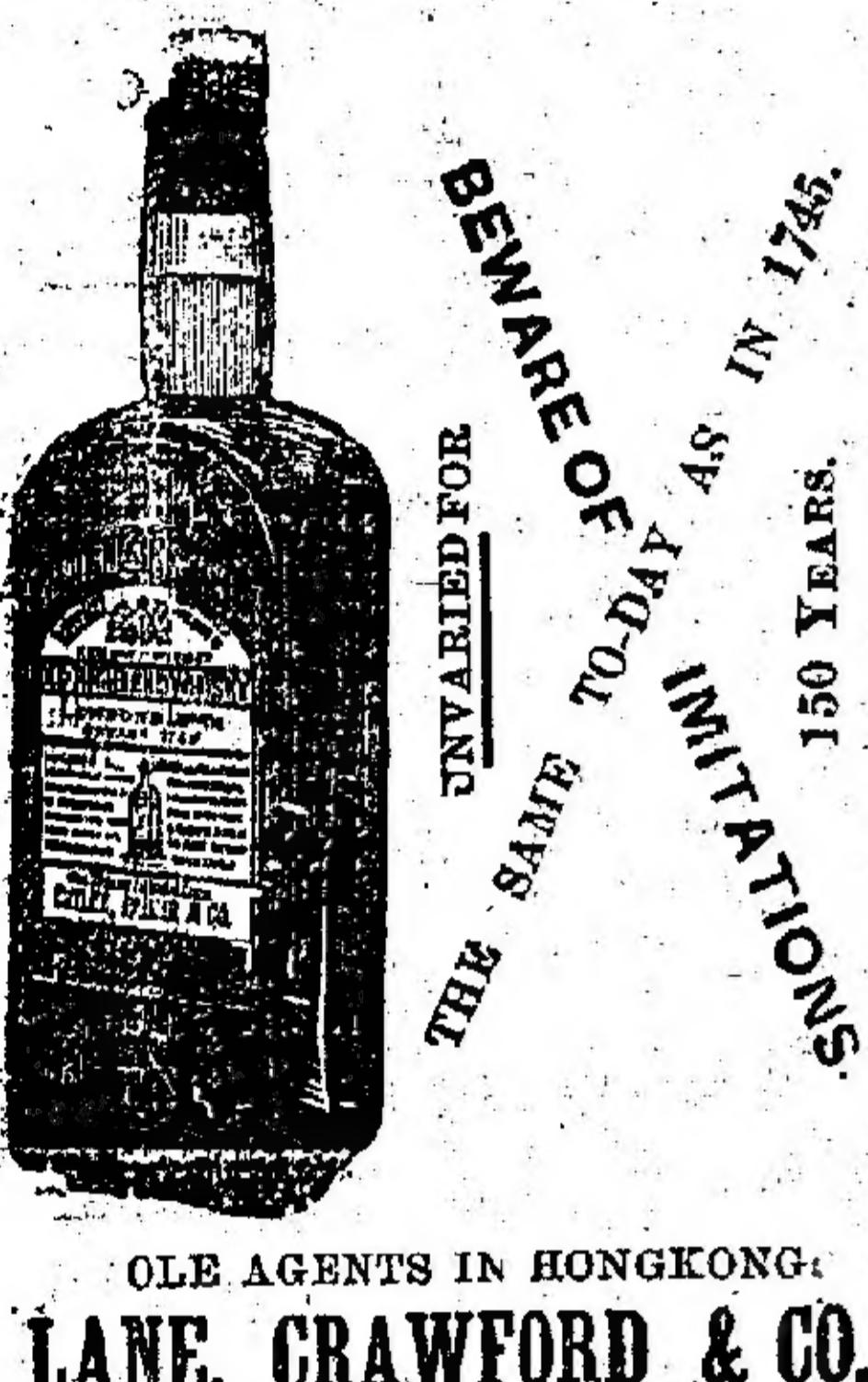
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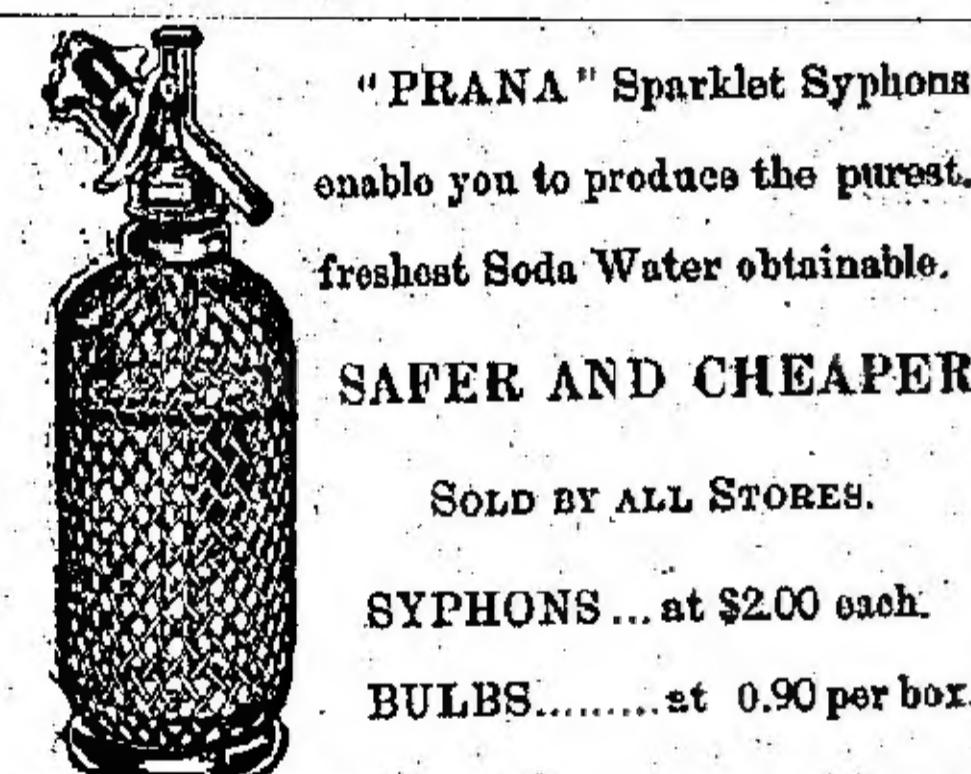
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

THE JOSEPHINE GOWN.

The Empress Josephine could never have her gown tight enough; she must have worried the modiste of the Empire-period by her exigencies in this respect. But even she was content without drawing in the skirt behind the knee, or behind the ankles under a band of trimming or material. When the tight gown is coming to it is impossible to predict. The stage reflects the fashions very faithfully, and at least two London theatres the tight skirt is to be seen in its apothecary. In "The Dollar Princess" the dresses are so excessively tight as to scandalise that portion of the audience which is fresh from the country and unaccustomed to this particular vagary of fashion. At the Savoy, Princess Cynthia is invested with a gown so tight that in needs all the innate and acquired grace of the charming wearer to enable her to ascend three steps without apparent effort. The triumph of this can only be understood by those who have had an opportunity of witnessing the achievement.

THE TIE-BACK GOWN.

Unfortunately a graceful gown does not come by chance to everybody, and cannot even be acquired by all, so that in ordinary life these tie-back gowns are often productive of grotesque results. The tie-backs of the 'eighties were salaried in France, and condemned by the "nice people with nasty ideas" who seem to preponderate in a critical world. In the gown of to-day the Victorian tie-back is utterly unnecessary, the skirt being made fit to the figure as Mrs. Grundy would never have permitted it to do a generation since. Whether this exiguity of drapery will increase or diminish with the advent of fair weather and flimsy frocks, it is hard to say.

DEPENFRIES FOR DANCES.

The dancing dress of the hour may be either long or short; not very long, but certainly quite short. This may sound cryptic. It merely means that trains are very moderate, and that short ball-gowns finish at the ankles. It is quite curious to watch the Terpsichorean couples as they revolve, every third gown as short as a schoolgirl's, in every way concise as a telegram. The favourite ball-gown of the moment is made of thin silk or satin, with an overdrift of some transparent material in contrasting colour. For instance, a very lovely gown consists of crocodile-satin with a floating train of palest Nile green. Another good contrast is found in a dull blue silk with a light blue minor train draped obliquely across the front, and falling in a short train at the back. A short gown in white chiffon is bordered with passementerie. The fullness of the front of the bodice is held at the waist with a pointed ornament in gold and jewels, ending in a gold fringe. With this should be worn a narrow gold band round the hair, and if scarves were not rapidly disappearing, a gold embroidered Liberty scarf would be the aesthetic supplement.

THE TEMPESTUOUS PETTICOAT.

Like the snakes in Iceland, the tempestuous petticoat does not exist for the smart world of to-day. Its frons, its deft little frills have all disappeared in the craze for straightness and closeness of silhouette. The trailing petticoat of a couple of seasons back which excited the wrath and well-merited displeasure of hygienists is no longer seen. Englishwomen now follow the cleanly fashion of their French sisters. Petticoats are short, and fall in straight lines; whether they are pleated or plain. At a dance the petticoat makes an excellent effect when carefully made part of the colour scheme.

SOME GOOD EXAMPLES.

A primrose-yellow gown worn over an orange silk petticoat and primrose satin train, lined up to a touch of orange in the hem, and is the keynote of a toilet which would suit either blonde, or bruns or auburn may be. A very lovely combination in a rather emphatic tone of silk flower blue, and a subtle shade of lizard or toad-green can be worked out in this way to an aesthetic finish; the stockings and shoes might be in the green, the gown blue, veiled with green, and blue alone triumphant in the hair. Emeralds or turquoise should be the accompanying jewels or perhaps peridot, with its lovely liquid, light-giving pale green.

GOWNS ON THE STAGE.

Mme. Edy is wearing some lovely gowns in "La Vierge Fille," the successful new piece in Paris. The new shots have been exploited in one of these which is soft satin blue and brown embroidered in pearls tinted blue and brown, the design Egyptian cut with old silver.

Champagne, which, by the way, is one of the most modish colours of this season, is chosen for a satin, which has the skirt gathered in at the waist and again round the hem, finishing in a straight band of the satin headed with drop ornaments. A third gown is in cornflower-blue silk muslin made over sky blue satin. An embroidery of blue and white jet crosses the front of the bodice and falls from the shoulders upon the skirt, the front of which is a mass of embroidery in the same style.

— AND AT THE COMEDY.

At the Comedy Theatre Miss Alexandra Carlisle is wearing some very up-to-date gowns; in fact, they show the fashions of the day after to-morrow. One of these consists of gown and cape of a silvery-green charmeuse, the blouse and train in taffeta chiffon of the same shade of green, caught at the waist with a belt of gold tissue. The tucks are very wide. An adorable little wrap is worn with this. Made of abalone charmeuse, caught in a yoke of Breton embroidery, with a large black velvet collar, it is fitted with revers which form sleeves in the now almost universal kimono fashion. Black velvet buttons and gold ornaments finish it in a delicate tinkling sort of way.

ANOTHER CHARMING GOWN.

Miss Carlisle's champagne-coloured cloth embroidered in silk braid of the same shade, has three-quarter length sleeves and a soft white kid belt combined with black patent kid, now in the forefront of fashion. The coat is finished with a collar of embroidered copper lace, and shows a blouse of very fine tucked lace with a tiny round collar edged with pleated lace. A heron in copper-coloured plumage is the only, but very sufficing, trimming of the Tegel straw hat worn with this pretty frock. And everybody will want a replica of the gown worn in the third act. It is old rose tussore, the back of the skirt arranged in flat folds, while the jacket is trimmed with rose-coloured silk braids and cords. The three-quarter sleeves, revers and collar are of old rose satin. With this is worn a draped turban of grey velvet drawn into a bow at the side over a border of old rose galon. — X. and Z. in the Globe.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. E. G. Kadourie & Co., in their weekly share report, dated April 29th, state:—

A long overdue reaction in rubbers has made the past week a dull one and the London market has been easy with a tendency to lower prices. The price of the raw article has receded a few pence from top, which has no doubt accentuated the position. Para Fine Hard Rubber is now quoted 11/8 per lb. Business transacted during the week has been on a smaller scale than for some time past. A considerable rise in China Sugars has occurred, otherwise there are no changes of any consequence.

BANES.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have not upheld their position and have dropped back to \$375; at this price there are sellers and possibly even a buyer rate. London, according to latest advice by wire, quote \$91 10s. Nationals are without business at 276.

MANSON INSURANCES.—Cautions continue in demand at \$170. Unions are slightly easier with sellers at \$850. North China can be had to a small extent at \$115 and Yangtze are unchanged at Tls. 225.

FREE INSURANCES.—China Fires have improved to \$125 and Hongkong Fires to \$342.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are still on offer at \$30. Indo-Chinas are not quite so firm and after sales at \$72 and \$71 can now be had at \$70. The price in London has also receded a little, the preference shares being quoted at £4 and the ordinary at £2. Shanghai reports sales at \$34, which is an improvement on their last week's quotation. China Manilas are steady at \$83 and Douglas Steamships at \$34. No business in Star Ferries has come to our notice and the old shares are offering at \$26 and the new at \$14. Shell Transport have changed hands at \$24.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have again been in strong demand and close with buyers at \$177. Luxons are weaker with sellers at \$23.

MINING.—Ranbs have been dealt in at \$82 and Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. at \$18.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are unaltered with sellers at \$62. Shangchi Docks are again lower, buyers only offering Tls. 76. Kosloin Wharves are still quoted at \$59, but as low as \$58 has been accepted. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are offering at Tls. 123.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are firmer with buyers at \$102 after small sales at \$100 and \$101. Humphreys are required for at \$83, but holders require a higher price. Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$1074 for the old shares and at \$83 1/2 for the new. Shanghai Lands are easier at Tls. 111. Kowloon Lands have improved to \$29.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons are still to be had at \$52. Ewos are offering at Tls. 1372. Other Northern Mills, which we take from the last mail advices, are as follows:—Lau Kung Mows Tls. 78, Internationals Tls. 62, and Suy Chos Tls. 250 or the dividend of Tls. 25 recently paid.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have again been the medium of a large business, closing with sellers at \$74. China Providents are firmer with buyers at \$84. China Lights are obtainable at \$82. Hongkong Electrics have been booked at \$21 and more are wanted. Watsons continue in demand with buyers at \$63. Hongkong Ropes have found buyers at \$21 1/2. Dairy Firms have advanced to \$19. Langkhas have weakened to Tls. 1425. Sumatras are offering at Tls. 315.

ROBINS.—Anglo-Malays have weakened to 32/- and Allagars to 7/. Casteldales are weaker at 120/-.

Carry United have declined to 35/- premium and Damassars at 105/- after sales of the latter at 195/-.

Eastern Internationals have dropped so low as 37/6 premium, but have since recovered to 42/6 premium. Colindales are on offer at 140/- and Highlands and Lowlands at 155/- ex rights. Kuala Lumpurs have eased down to 225/-, at which price they close weak. Leedells are quiet at 112/6 while Linggias can be had at 65/-.

London Asiatics, after sales at various rates from 175/- downwards, close easier at 157/6. Sungai Kapars close at 250/- with probable sellers from London.

United Sarongs have suffered a further decline and at the close come as low as 140/-.

According to latest telegraphic advices from Singapore, Belgianwines are quoted at \$24.

Changki Sardines at \$20, Glenealy at \$33, Indragiri at \$43, Pajams at \$20, Pegols at \$56, Sandycrofts at \$43, Singapore and Johors at \$22 and United Singapore at \$42.

New Sororads have changed hands at \$42 premium.

EXCHANGE.—The Bank's selling rate on London is 19 1/4 on demand. The T/T. rate on Shanghai 74¢.

SIAM'S NEW STAMPS.

New stamps for Siam are announced by a Paris contemporary. They show the left profile of the King. The circle bearing His Majesty's head is sustained upon the wings of a grinning monster. Upon two banderoles appear the name of the Kingdom and the value of the stamps. The latter is expressed in "sangs." The enigmatic monogram and the "sangs" will, we are told, be sure to appeal to the collectors' sense of humour. The stamps have been engraved in London from designs prepared in Bangkok. The work has been accomplished most successfully, and adds our contemporary, to design et original as resemble comme deux frères.

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BUSHI MARU, Japanese str., 1,569, S.
Mitsui, 1st May—Moj 26th April, Coal—
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
CEYLON MARU, Japanese str., 3,142, F. L.
Paine, 1st May—Moj 26th April, Cotton and
Matches—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
C. FRED. LAESZ, German str., 3,153, A.
Vogel, 1st May—Shanghai 27th April,
General—Hamburg-Amerika Line.
CHIHIL, British str., 1,142, C. Lindbergh, 1st
May—Saigon 27th April, Rice and Paddy,
&c.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHARA JENSEN, German str., 1,103, J. Bondiex,
29th April—Hochow 23rd April, General—
Johson & Co.
CORNIGAN, German man-of-war, 1,640, Sie-
mens, 30th April—Yap 22nd April.
CYCLOPS, British str., 5,096, H. Hazelton, 30th
April—Takao (Formosa), 28th April,
General—Butterfield & Swire.
FAUCANG, British str., 1,410, Mallino, 30th
April—Swatow, 26th April, Rice and General
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HATCHING, British str., 1,267, W. C. Passmore,
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Matheson & Co.
HONG WAN I, British str., 2,060, Hainsworth,
29th April—Singapore 24th April, General
—Chinese.
HUICHOW, British str., 1,223, E. Forsyth,
30th April—Tientsin 24th April, General
—Butterfield & Swire.
JICHANG, British str., 1st May—Canton.
KILANG CHING, Chinese str., 1st May—Canton.
KUANGZHAI, Chinese str., 1st May—Canton.
KWONGSAK, British str., 30th April—Canton.
LIMAN, British str., 30th April—Canton.
LOOSOK, German str., 2,340, G. Schulzen, 30th
April—Hongkong and Kohlschung, Rice—
Butterfield & Swire.
MATHILLE, German str., 831, Chr. Uderup,
30th April—Pakhoi and Hoitow 29th April,
General and Pigs—John & Co.
MONTCALM, French man-of-war, 10,000, Cheron,
30th April—Takao 28th April.
MYRIMOND, British str., Cunningham, 1st
May—Shanghai 27th April, General—
Butterfield & Swire.
DRIVER CLYDE, British str., 2,526, John Kerr,
1st May—Manila 26th April, General—
Dowdell & Co.
EZECHUEN, British str., 30th April—Canton.
WONGKOI, German str., 1,115, H. Hebetson,
30th April—Bangkok 24th April, General
—N.D.L.

DEPARTURES.

30th April.
DELLA, British str., for Europe, &c.
HERCULES, British str., for Moji.
KOREA, American str., for Shanghai.
MONMOUTH, British cruiser, for Kobe.
RUBI, British str., for Manila.
SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
TJIMAH, Dutch str., for Yokohama.
1st May.
AMARA, British str., for Hongkong.
BEN NEVIS, British str., for Kobe.
DALIN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
CHUNSAK, British str., for Saigon.
HAIMON, British str., for Swatow.
LOCKSUN, German str., for Swatow.
SZECHUEN, British str., for Shanghai.
TAIKOAN MARU, Japanese str., for Miike.
ULV, Norwegian str., for Canton.
VICTORIA, Swedish str., for Haiphong.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Hong Wan I* reports: Light
variable winds, fine and clear throughout.
The British str. *Fauchang* reports: Fine
weather light S.E. winds throughout, and hazy
from Gap Rock.
The British str. *Hatching* reports: Wind
moderate to light, Northerly, smooth sea over-
cast; showery weather.
The British str. *Huichang* reports: Moderate
S.E. winds with moderate sea from Taku Bay
to Yellow Sea; moderate S.E. winds with
smooth sea from Yellow Sea to Swatow; mod-
erate N.E. and North winds with smooth sea from
Swatow to Hongkong.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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Union, Peiho, St. Lucia.
TAIKOO DOCK—Soojan, Shantung, Fatshan,
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Per Huichang, from Tientsin, Mr. Keranger,
Sergeants—Creswell, Hall, Gilden, Corporal
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DEPARTED.
Per Rudi, for Manila, Mrs. Weber, Mrs.
Mierkamp, Mr. E. C. Miller, Rev. P. Soriano,
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Nebredo, Rev. P. Gimaz, Mr. F. J. Chapman,
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THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Manila on the 29th ult., at 9 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Port Darwin on the 26th ult., for Manila via Timor.

The C.N. Co. str. *Changsha* left Australia on the 27th ult., and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apac str. *Gregory Apac* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 27th ult. afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

The Apac str. *Japan* from Kobe, left Moji on the 29th ult. morning, and may be expected here on or about the 4th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* is expected at this port to-morrow at 8 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Derfflinger*, carrying the German Mail, with dates from Berlin of the 6th ult., left Singapore on the 29th ult., at 9 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at 9 p.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Monteagle* arrived at Yokohama at 1 p.m. on the 29th ult., and left again at 6 a.m. on Saturday for Koito, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. on the 1st inst.

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